

be able to attend the next Assembly and to have met Molsy there but the delay I have met with will I am sure prevent it for as soon as I arrive I shall be much [2] engaged, every officer will be to new commission even to a Constable by the Governor, Generals excepted and they are appointed by Congress or the President which I do not now recollect.—If you find Mr. [Titus] Ogden troublesome at Greene Ville I mean by drinking to [too] hard I wish you would affect some Business that might employ him or him and Benja tho I expect he will stay principally at Blount Hall—He likes to be employed—He will come out to me immediately after New Bern Superior Court—I should be glad of your being at Greene Ville as often as convenient and saying such Things in an indirect manner as might induce a disposition in Molsy to visit the ceded Territory at least in the Course of the next Spring for sooner I shall not be ready—If She keeps her old horses fat when she gets her Carriage she may visit Washington, Tarboro<sup>g</sup>. and Blount Hall and pass off her Time very agreeably.—I shall probably send Major Farragut<sup>180</sup> to you from the ceded Territory if there's any Thing worth communicating to you.—Write me frequently by Way of Glasgow's office for I find People are *weekly* passing from there to the ceded Territory about Land Business—on you is my dependence to hear from my Family—

Your's &c &c  
W<sup>m</sup>. BLOUNT

Addressed: John Gray Blount Esquire  
Washington  
North Carolina

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*John Aldorson<sup>181</sup> to John Gray Blount*

[23<sup>rd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1790]

Sir

Yours of the 15th & the paper Alluded to Came duly to hand. are duly Noted &c—the doctor<sup>182</sup> argued well, I grant readily—

<sup>180</sup>Major George Farragut, the father of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. Carter, *Territorial Papers*, IV., 38n. 92; Albert V. Goodpasture, "William Blount and the Old Southwest Territory," *American Historical Magazine*, VIII (January, 1903), 5.

<sup>181</sup>Probably John Alderson of Hyde County. *State Records of North Carolina*, XXI, 907.

<sup>182</sup>Hugh Williamson. The most general criticism of him was that he was a "foreigner." This arose from his birth in faraway Pennsylvania and from his Irish parents. The fact that he spent much time in New York increased this feeling of antagonism among the provincial and ignorant settlers. See page 1n. 3, above.